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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, OCR

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SUBJECT:

Scientific and Technical Data in
Machine-Readable Form

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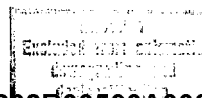
Request of [] for Comments
on HEW Memo dated 30 April 1965,
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1. There is some validity for the 'growing concern' expressed in the HEW memorandum on the substantial outflow of scientific information from the United States to other nations. Although Communist countries pursue a deliberate policy of being parasitic on Free World (particularly U.S.) resources, other non-Communist nations often do not have the facilities to record and disseminate available scientific information. Nevertheless, the problem remains that there is a one-sided exchange between the U.S. and other countries.

2. In response to HEW's request for recommendations to the task force governing the availability of Public Health Service data in machine-readable form, may we suggest the following procedures to be considered with respect to policy on international exchange:

a. A central authority representing the interests of the task force members should be charged with the responsibility to review PHS information collected and to assess its significance.



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b. Exchange of this information with other countries should be determined by the principle of a net gain accruing to the U.S.

c. The recipient country should have the sophisticated computer hardware and software required to use the data.

d. A strict quid-pro-quo arrangement should be adopted to govern the exchange of PHS machine data.

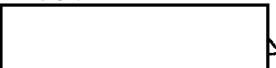
3. Apparently there are working agreements between U.S. Academy of Science and various foreign academies governing the exchange of scientific information. The fact that there is a decided outflow of U.S. scientific information implies that some agreements require close attention and continued control. This should provide a guideline in the event that arrangements are made for the exchange of PHS data with other nations.



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